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- 1. LETTER ON SUBJECT FROM NORWEGIAN DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION, RESPONDING TO EMBASSY'S LETTER WRITTEN PURSUANT TO REF (A), IS PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT FROM SWEDISN AUTHORITIES (REF B).
- 2. DIRECTORATE WRITES: QUOTE WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING: THE DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS STUDIED THE US CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD STATEMENT WITH GREAT INTEREST. HOWEVER, THE DATA MATERIAL AVAILABLE MAKES IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHAT IS THE "RIGHT" PRICE. THUS THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT IN A POSITION. AT THIS STAGE, TO TAKE ANY FINAL STAND AS TO THE PERCENTAGE LEVEL AS SUCH. ON THE OTHER HAND THIS ADMINISTRATION FINDS IT UN-ACCEPTABLE TO ALLOW THE EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES TO BE DIFFERENT FOR TRANSPORTATION BY DIFFERENT AIRLINES OR BETWEEN NORWAY AND DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. UNIFORMITY IN THIS MATTER IS DEEMED TO BE A PUBLIC REQUIREMENT: THIS ARGUMENT HAS BEEN OUR MAIN CONCERN AND IS THUS THE REASON BEHIND OUR NOTICE OF DISSATISFACTION. THE DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION WISH, HOWEVER. TO SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT CAB SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THIS FIELD AND, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION

AUTHORITIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES, TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE EXCESS BAGGAGE PROBLEM WHICH CAN BE ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. IN THE MEANTIME THE LONG ACCEPTED PRICE OF 1 PER CENT OF THE RELEVANT FIRST CLASS FARE SHOULD PREVAIL. I MAY ADD THAT OUR NATIONAL CARRIER, SAS, IS INSTRUCTED, DURING THE CONTINUING IATA-NEGOTIATIONS, TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN INDUSTRY SOLUTION IN THIS FIELD. UNQUOTE. ANDERS

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